



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 2015**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daryl Horton, Chair
Sherry Cherry, Vice Chair
Dr. Chiquita Eugene

Clifford Gillard
Nelson Linder
Greg Smith

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melodye Foust
Kevin Gomillion
Sara Hensley
CM Ora Houston

Christopher Hudgins
Shannon Jones
Dusty McCormick
Beverly Wilson

CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Commissioner Horton.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Mr. Adrian Neely spoke to the Commission concerning the number and makeup of the Commission as amended by the City Council December 11, 2014.

Ms. Stephanie Touchstone and Mr. Shannon Jones asked the Commission to consider putting on the agenda for March a presentation by Ms. Touchstone on the proposed Parental Education Program which educates parents on the Texas Compulsory Attendance Laws and health issues concerning dropouts.

2. Community Nominations of Individuals to be considered for inclusion in the Art in Public Places Project at the African American Cultural and Heritage Facility

There were no nominations.

3. Approval of the minutes from the December 3, 2014 and January 7, 2015 Regular Meetings

The December 3, 2014 minutes stand as presented. A change to the January 7, 2015 minutes was requested by Commissioner Gillard with the approval postponed to the next meeting.

4. Briefing and Discussion: Proposal for PGA golf course in Decker Lake/Walter E. Long area (Kevin Gomillion, PGA Division Manager, Parks & Recreation Department)

Mr. Kevin Gomillion was joined in his briefing by Mr. Warren Hayes of Decker Lake Golf, LLC. Mr. Gomillion stated that the proposed golf course at Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park would not use any City funding and was part of the long-range plan for the park. The proposed course would be partially designed by professional golfer, Ben Crenshaw and will be City-owned. Mr. Hayes stated that Decker Lake Golf, LLC has been working with the Colony Park and Lakeside Neighborhoods and that both neighborhoods are in favor of the course.

5. Discussion: Changes to Ordinance 20141211-204 which deals with City Boards and Commissions

The Commissioners discussed possible issues with the structure of the Commission based on the changes to the Boards & Commissions Ordinance including the number of members. Chair requests proposals from Commissioners for March meeting.

6. Updates from Working Groups

a. Small Business/Parking Issues on E. 11th & E. 12th Streets

There was no report.

b. Photograph Selection for Mural

Commissioners expressed concern about payment to the artist for the mural for future installations.

c. Health and Mental Health

There was no report.

d. Public Safety

There will be an event for African American youth to interact with the Austin Police Department.

e. Expansion of Carver

Commissioners discussed having a Special Called meeting on February 12, 2015 at the Carver Museum with Parks & Recreation Department staff and staff from the Carver. The meeting was postponed as this is a City Council meeting date which some of the Commissioners would be attending.

7. Set agenda items for future meetings, including non-substantive housekeeping matters (such as meeting dates, potential topics, and information and research requests for staff)

For the March meeting the Commissioners would like a presentation on the changes to rules and safety procedures for SXSW, a discussion on the Boards & Commissions Ordinance and a presentation from Ms. Touchstone on the proposed Parental Education Program.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.